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1. During the past few weeks eight radio operators and technicians have deserted from a Canton-based unit of the Chinese Air Force and returned to their homes in both Communist-occupied and Nationalist territory. More are planning to go.
2. Some of these men flew to Szechuan by Civil Air Transport plane, on funds supplied by their families. Others went home without such support.

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Comment. In view of the favored treatment accorded Chinese Air Force personnel and the remoteness of Canton from the front, these desertions indicate the effect of the recent Communist successes on morale in the Nationalist forces.

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